**South End Settlements**, featuring a day filled with fun hands-on arts activities for children ages 3 -13 (Rain Date: August 17). For more information, visit www.titussparrowpark.org

# Titus Sparrow Park Summer Concert Series

Titus Sparrow Park, South End

June 23 - August 18 Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

June 23 Sinti Rhythm, Jazz/Gypsy Swing

June 30 Boubacar Diabate with Sambalolo, West African

July 7 Frank Drake with The Bagboys, Bluegrass

July 14 PanNeubean Steel, Caribbean

July 21 **Manguito**, Latin Jazz

July 28 Homegrown String Band, Roots

Aug. 4 Katrin Roush, Acoustic Rock

Aug. 11 Revolutionary Snake Ensemble, New Orleans Brass Band Aug. 18 Boston City Lights Dance Troupe and DJ, Hip Hop

Aug. 25 Rain Date

Join friends, family and neighbors at this fun South End summer concert series sponsored by the **Friends of Titus Sparrow Park**. Bring picnics, blankets and beach chairs, relax, and enjoy some cool sounds this summer. For more information or weather-related cancellations (posted by 1:30 p.m. on the concert date), visit www.titussparrowpark.org

### Arts on the Arcade

#### City Hall Plaza, Boston

July - August Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The 9th season of **Arts on the Arcade** will feature visual arts, performing arts and food vending at the City Hall Plaza community arcade adjacent to Cambridge Street. Performances at 12 noon will offer a diverse assortment of artistic expression while visual artists exhibit original works of art from crafts to paintings - all adding to the 'feel' of a vibrant urban fair and a representation of the rich cultural life of Boston. Sponsored by the **Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism, & Special Events.** For more information, call (617) 635-3911 or visit www.cityofboston.gov/arts

### ReadBoston Storymobile Program

Ages 3 - 11

July 7, 14, 21, 28 & August 4, 11 Wednesday 1:15 p.m. Marcela Park, Roxbury

July 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5, 12, 19 Thursday 11:00 a.m. Tad Pole Playground, Boston Common, Boston

July 9, 16, 23, 30 & August 6, 13 Friday 10:00 a.m. Rose Kennedy Greenway, North End

July 9, 16, 23, 30 & August 6, 13 Friday 11:00 a.m. Carter Playground Tennis Courts, South End

July 9, 16, 23, 30 & August 6, 13 Friday 11:00 a.m. George Wright Golf Course Tennis Courts, Hyde Park

July 12, 19, 26 & August 2, 9 Monday 10:00 a.m. Billings Field Tot Lot, West Roxbury

August 16 Monday 11:00 a.m.

Jamaica Pond Boathouse, Jamaica Plain

The **ReadBoston Storymobile** program will roll through the streets of Boston offering professional storytelling and books to children. For information on more locations, call (617) 918-5289 or visit www.readboston.org

### Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park

The Playstead, Franklin Park, Dorchester

July 6 - August 10 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. August 17 Tuesday Dusk

July 6 Zili Mizik (p.m.)

July 13 Stephen O'Neal & IntaAfrika and Marcus Santos &

Batukaxe (a.m.) Elan Trotman (p.m.)

July 20 Stajez Dance Company (a.m.)

Mango Blue with Alex Alvear (p.m.)

July 27 **Dance OrigiNation** (a.m.)

Boston Latin Wolftones & Boston Soul Revue (p.m.)

August 3 TBD

August 11 BalletRox (a.m.)

Kendrick Oliver and the New Life Jazz Orchestra (p.m.)
August 17 Mayor Menino's Movie Night

Celebrate Franklin Park and the legacy of Elma Lewis at this summer performance series. Morning performances geared toward young audiences include drum callers, African, Latin, contemporary and jazz dancing, twirlers, and more. Evening performances will entertain everyone with African dance, drumming, rhythm & blues, jazz, folk and blues. On August 17, the Playhouse will feature a family-friendly movie favorite. Elma Lewis Theatre Playhouse in the Park is produced for the Franklin Park Coalition by First Night Summer Beat, in collaboration with ParkARTS and the National Center for Afro-American Artists. For more information visit www.franklinparkcoalition.org, or call (617) 442-4141.

### Spectacle Island Music in the Park

Spectacle Island, Boston Harbor Sunday 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

July 7 - August 15

Relax on the Visitors Center porch to the sounds of **Berklee College of Music** big band, folk, swing, and jazz ensembles while enjoying beautiful views of Boston and the ocean around you.

June 27, July 4, August 22 & 29, & September 4 - 19
This concert series, features renowned jazz guitarist **David Ehle**. Sit back and relax on the Visitors Center porch to the smooth sound of jazz and the waves on an Sunday afternoon. For more information, call (617) 223-8666 or visit www.bostonharborislands.org/things-do

# Make a Spectacle of Yourself

Spectacle Island, Boston Harbor July 16 Friday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

See who will make a spectacle of themselves at this elaborate face-painting activity for adults and children. Don't forget to bring a camera as these faces could be ones to remember for a lifetime! Artists and face paints provided. For more information, call (617) 223-8666 or visit www.bostonharborislands.org/things-do

## **Gospel Fest**

City Hall Plaza, Boston

July 18 Sunday 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon filled with gospel music featuring choirs and soloists sponsored by the **Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism, & Special Events.** For more information, call (617) 635-3911 or visit www.citvofboston.gov/arts

# Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's Free Shakespeare on the Common

Parkman Bandstand, Boston Common, Boston July 28 - August 15 Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00 p.m. July 27 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. - Open Dress Rehearsal

In its 15th year, the popular, beloved midsummer tradition of free Shakespeare under the stars will return to Boston Common with "Othello" staged at the Parkman Bandstand . Directed by **Steven Maler,** founding artistic director of **Commonwealth Shakespeare Company**. Come early, bring a picnic, and enjoy Shakespeare under the stars. Visit www.commshakes.org for program information.

# Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's Tour of the Parks' Shakespeare on Love

Various Locations, Dates and Time - TBD

The Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's 12-member Young Company college apprentice troupe presents this 55-minute piece blend of speeches, sonnets, scenes & songs inspired by Shakespeare on the subject of love. This show is appropriate for the whole family, and people are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy a whimsical look at love. Visit www.commshakes.org for program information.

#### Caliente: Latin Music Concert City Hall Plaza, Boston

July 31 Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Boston's 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary celebration of the Latin music scene featuring **Jerry Rivera** is sponsored by the **Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events** in partnership with **Berklee College of Music** and **Villa Victoria Center for the Arts**. For more information, call (617) 635-3911or visit www.cityofboston.gov/arts

#### Boston Urban Music Project City Hall Plaza, Boston

August 7 Saturday 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Plaza comes alive with a variety of show-stopping urban music sponsored by the **Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events**. For more information, call (617) 635-3911 or visit www.cityofboston.gov/arts

### South Boston Italian Pride Night Medal of Honor Park, South Boston

August 25 Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening filled with fanfare featuring Italian entertainment. Family, friends and neighbors will join together to participate in Italian Pride Night activities for everyone. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism, & Special Events. For more information, call (617) 635-3911 or visit www.citvofboston.gov/arts

#### (ähts): The Boston Arts Festival Christopher Columbus Park, North End September 10 - 12 Friday - Sunday 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Thomas M. Menino presents this annual festival to showcase Boston's performing and visual arts scene. Sponsored by Target and produced by the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism, & Special Events in partnership with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. For information, call (617) 635-3911 or visit www.cityofboston.gov/arts

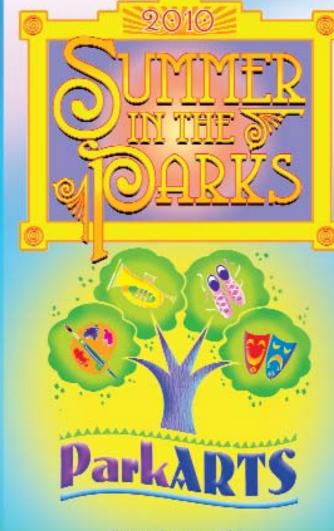
# FOR INFORMATION ON ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES, VISIT:

www.bostonyouthzone.com www.cityofbostongolf.com www.courageoussailing.org www.tenacity.org www.bostonislands.com

For up to the minute event information, join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook!



# PROGRAMS & EVENTS



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## All events listed are free of charge.

Boston celebrates the 14th anniversary of ParkARTS, sponsored by Bank of **America**, with a special offering of concerts, programs, and public events across the city. Events and event dates and times are subject to change: please call the phone number listed with each program for confirmation. Youth workshops are open to Boston residents only. For general information and accessibility requests, call (617) 635-4505, join the Department on Facebook, or visit ParkARTS at www.cityofboston.gov/parks

# ParkARTS Performing Arts

## **Waterfront Concert** Christopher Columbus Park, North End

June 26 Saturday 6:30 p.m.

Come celebrate the kick-off to ParkARTS and Independence Day with the Navy Band Northeast's Showband sponsored by Comcast and the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park in partnership with the Marriott Long Wharf. For more information, call (617) 635-4505.

### **Roslindale Summer Concert Series** Adams Park, Roslindale

July 8 - 29 Thursday 6:00 p.m

Presented by the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events, this Thursday night series features Boston's favorite local entertainers. For more information, visit www.cityofboston.gov/arts or call (617) 635-3911.

#### **Marionette Puppet Show Series** July - August 11:00 a.m.

July 9 Friday July 16 Friday July 20 Tuesday Martin Tot Lot, Dorchester

John Harvard Mall, Charlestown Phillips Street Playground, Beacon Hill

July 29 Thursday Ringgold Park, South End

Aug. 3 Tuesday Christopher Columbus Park, North End Aug. 12 Thursday Ringer Park, Allston

Boston's parks come alive with these entertaining whimsical puppet shows that will delight the child in everyone. Experience the unique charm of Rosalita's Puppets - marionettes made by professional actor-puppeteer Charlotte Anne Dore. For more information call (617) 635-4505 or visit www.rosalitaspuppets.com

# Citywide Neighborhood Concerts

July - August

July 15 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Eliot Norton Park, Boston

Enjoy blues, rockabilly, and surf guitar mastery with longtime New England favorites Young Neal and the Vipers with support from the Friends of Eliot Norton Park.

# July 22 Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Oak Square, Brighton

Brighton Night concert featuring Miles Davis tribute band Bitches Brew sponsored by Brighton Main Streets. For more information, call (617) 779-9200.

July 29 Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Dorchester Park, Dorchester

Join friends new and old to enjoy the superb sounds of U2 tribute band **Joshua Tree** at this popular neighborhood park with support from the **Dorchester Park Association.** 

August 1 Sunday 5:00 p.m. Highland Park, Roxbury

Jazz at the Fort featuring Ron Reid with special guest Jazz Robertson. Sponsored by Berklee College of Music with support from the Friends of Highland Park (Rain Date: August 8). For more information, call (617) 747-8786. August 12 Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Ramsav Park, South End

Motown Night featuring Funky D's Elegance. Everyone's favorite Motown tunes will fill the air to entertain R&B fans of all ages.

Swingin' in Mothers Rest Back Bay Fens, Boston July 21 Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a Swingin' night with jazz sensations Christiane Karam & ZilZALA with special quest Gian Aurelio Faraone. Presented by the Fenway Civic Association and Berklee College of Music, this world-class jazz concert is for everyone (Rain Date: July 28). For more information, call (617) 747-8786.

Tito Puente Latin Music Series Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Mozart Street Playground, Jamaica Plain/Mission Hill July 8 La Timbistica with support from the Hyde Square Task Force

O'Day Playground, South End July 15 Son de Madre July 22 Fausto Cuevas y su Orquesta la Moderna July 29 William Cepeda

East Boston Greenway - Caboose, East Boston August 5 Gregorio Uribe

This 6th annual high-energy Latin concert series continues to create excitement throughout Boston. Join in on all the fun at these popular concerts sponsored in partnership with Berklee College of Music, Villa Victoria Center for the Arts, and Gova. For more information, call (617) 747-8786 or (617) 927-1717.

Mayor Menino's Wednesday Night Concerts City Hall Plaza, Boston Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

July 21 Boston Pops Night featuring the Pops Swing Band under the direction of Bill Elliott

Aug. 4 Disco Night featuring Boston favorites Stardust Aug. 25 Country Night sponsored by Country 102.5 WKLB

Now celebrating 37 years as Boston's longest-running outdoor concerts, these performances feature exciting recording stars and non-stop entertainment for music lovers of all ages. Presented by Mayor Thomas M. Menino in partnership with night sponsors Michael Francis Cahill Fund/City of Boston, Boston Pops, and Boston Police Activities League. Series sponsors include WCVB-TV Channel 5, Boston Herald, and Country 102.5 WKLB with support from the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism & Special Events. For more information, call (617) 635-4505.

**Boston Landmarks Orchestra** Pinebank, Jamaica Pond, Jamaica Plain July 25 Sunday 6:00 p.m.

Pack a picnic, bring your family, and enjoy this classical music concert featuring the Boston Landmarks Orchestra - Charles Ansbacher, Conductor, featuring a host of top-notch classical musicians. Music aficionados of all ages are sure to enjoy this free outdoor concert of classical favorites with support from media sponsor **WGBH Radio**. Rain or shine (rain location to be announced). For more information, call (617) 520-2200 or visit www.landmarksorchestra.org

Waterfront Performing Arts Series Christopher Columbus Park, Boston July 27 - August 17 Tuesday 6:00

The popular series will include the talents of The Boston Ballet and other special guests sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism, & Special Events. For more information, call (617) 635-3911 or visit www.cityofboston.gov/arts

June, September & October 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 5, 12, 19 & 26 The Public Garden, Boston

Sunday, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 Christopher Columbus Park, North End

Saturday, September 11 Jamaica Pond, Boathouse, Jamaica Plain

Sunday, September 12, 19 & 26 The Public Garden, Boston

Saturday, September 18 & October 2 Schoolmaster Hill, Franklin Park, Dorchester

These hands-on workshops enable artists of all skill levels to create their own greenspace inspired masterpieces sponsored by Blick Art Materials. Materials provided. For more information, call (617) 635-4505.

June 29 - August 17 Tuesday 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

June 29 Franklin Park - Schoolmaster Hill, Dorchester July 6 Medal of Honor Park - Memorial, South Boston

July 13 Copps Hill Terrace Park - Burying Ground, North End The Public Garden - Bridge, Boston July 20

July 27 Millennium Park - Tot Lot, West Roxbury Aug 3 George Wright Golf Course - Clubhouse, Hyde Park

Aug 10 Back Bay Fens - Rose Garden, Fenway

Aug 17 Jamaica Pond - Boathouse, Jamaica Plain

Capture Boston's picturesque parks during this inaugural outdoor summer amateur photography workshop series. Be the first to learn the tricks of taking a perfect photograph. Children ages 9 - 16 may enjoy workshops at 10:30 a.m. while the 6:00 p.m. workshops are geared toward adult photographers. Bring your own digital or film camera and pre-registration is encouraged. Selected participants' shots may be viewed on the Department's fan page on Facebook and will be featured at an exhibit at City Hall. For more information, call (617) 635-4505 (ext. 3051).

Frog Pond, Boston Common, Boston June 30 Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join Mayor Menino, Frog Pond Freddie, family and friends to kick off the summer at the 4th annual Wading Pool Opening. Cool off after the official ribbon cutting under the 30-foot spray plume. Enjoy fun activities including storytelling, Art Street (Sidewalk Sam) arts and crafts, and cool raffle prizes. With support from **ReadBoston** and in-kind sponsors **HP Hood LLC**, Nantucket Nectars, Snapple Antioxidant Water and Sunkist beverages, and the Original Boston Frosty. For more information, call (617) 635-4505.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Ages 3 to 10

July 6, 13, 20 & 27 August 3 & 10 Tuesday Christopher Columbus Park, North End Hunt/Almont Playground, Mattapan Martin Playground, Dorchester

July 7, 14, 21 & 28 August 4 & 11 Wednesday Fallon Playground, Roslindale Hobart Street Play Area, Brighton Rossmore Stedman Park, Jamaica Plain

July 8, 15, 22 & 29 August 5 & 12 Thursday Dennis Street Playground, Roxbury Ringer Park, Allston Ringgold Park, South End

July 9, 16, 23 & 30 August 6 & 13 Friday John Harvard Mall, Charlestown Phillips Street Playground, Beacon Hill Town Field, Dorchester

Sponsored by **Comcast**, this series of arts and crafts workshops is perfect for budding artists. Rosalita's Puppets will perform a variety of vignettes at selected events as listed in the Performing Arts section. Materials provided. All recycled materials provided with support from EXCL (Extras for Creative Learning) - "helping children helping the environment." For more information, call (617) 635-4505 (ext. 3051).

Frog Pond, Boston Common, Boston July 10 - August 28 Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy a Saturday full of excitement and learning at these workshops designed to teach arts and crafts to children of all ages. Sponsored by the Frog Pond Foundation in partnership with Art Street (Sidewalk Sam). After the workshop, add to the fun by cooling off in the Frog Pond Wading Pool. For more information, call (617) 244-3171.

The Playstead, Franklin Park, Dorchester August 17 Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Children of all ages will enjoy a fun-filled day of arts activities including arts and crafts workshops. Bring a snack or lunch and enjoy an artistic afternoon in Boston's Franklin Park hosted in partnership with ReadBoston, Franklin Park Coalition, First Night, Art Street (Sidewalk Sam) and in-kind sponsors HP Hood LLC, Cabot Creamery, Nantucket Nectars and more. For more information, call (617) 635-4505.

# **ParkARTS Cultural Events**

# Folk Dancing by the Fountain

Copley Square, Boston July 6 - 27 Tuesday 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

www.facone.org

Celebrating their 40th season. Folk Dancing by the Fountain offers participants the opportunity to learn and enjoy simple traditional dances from a variety of cultures during a fun-filled evening. Conducted by the Folk Arts Center of New England. For more information, call (781) 662-7475, for recorded announcements call the FolkFone (781) 662-7476, or visit

# Go Fly a Kite Workshops & Flying Spectacle Island, Boston Harbor

June 5 - August 28 Saturday 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Come fly with us each Saturday throughout the summer. Bring your own kite or have a ball at these fun-filled hands-on workshops. Limited materials provided (first come-first served - materials for one kite per family). For more information. visit www.bostonharborislands.org/things-do, or call (617) 223-8666.

### Charlestown Pride Night Eden Street, Charlestown

June 10 Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Charlestown Pride week at an evening filled with fanfare and entertainment. Family, friends and neighbors will join together to participate in **Charlestown Pride** activities for everyone. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism, & Special Events. For more information, call (617) 635-3911.

# **Emerald Necklace Conservancy and Friends of Jamaica Pond**

Pinebank, Jamaica Pond, Jamaica Plain Sunday 6:00 p.m. (Movie Night 7:00 p.m.)

June 20 Berklee College of Music Ensemble Summer Solstice and Father's Day Celebration June 27 Boston Pops Brass Quintet featuring selections of

classical, jazz and modern music July 11 Boston Pops Brass Quintet featuring brass band, ragtime

and turn-of-the-century jazz July 18 Movie Night featuring "Fantastic Mr. Fox" at the Jamaica Pond Sugarbowl

July 25 Boston Landmarks Orchestra - Charles Ansbacher, Conductor

Bring your friends and family to this series of exciting music and entertainment sponsored by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and the Friends of Jamaica Pond. Bring a blanket to relax and a picnic dinner to enjoy at the Pond. On July 18, enjoy Movie Night with children's activities beginning at 7:00 p.m. followed by a movie under the stars at 8:20 p.m. For more information, call (617) 522-2700 or visit www.emeraldnecklace.org

# Read Green @ Your Park

Ages 3 - 6

June 21, July 19 & August 23 Monday 10:00 a.m. Roberts Playground, Dorchester

June 24, July 8 & 22 & August 5 Thursday 11:15 a.m. Hooker-Sorrento Park, Aliston

July 6, 20 & August 3 Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Langone Park, North End

July 9, 16 & 23 Friday 10:30 a.m. Hemenway Park, Dorchester

July 13, 20 & 27 Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Jamaica Pond Boathouse, Jamaica Plain

July 14 & August 11 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. **Doherty Playground, Dorchester** 

Presented by the Boston Public Library, Read Green @ Your Park invites young Bostonians to enjoy storytime with their local librarians in neighborhood parks throughout the city. The storytelling series is designed to expose young audiences to the joy of children's stories and familiarize them with Boston's beautiful green spaces. For more information, call (617) 787-6313.

# **Titus Sparrow Park Children's Summer Programs**

Titus Sparrow Park, South End

June 22 - August 10 Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Ages 2 - 7

June 22 Big Joe, Storyteller

June 29 David Polansky, Musician July 6 Mohamed Kalifa Kamara. Drummer

July 13 Sara Wheeler, Musician

July 20 Vanessa Trien and some Jumping Monkeys, Musician

July 27 Yo-Yo Show Aug. 3 Alastair Moock, Musician

Aug. 10 USES Arts in the Park

Aug. 17 Rain Date (USES Arts in the Park)

Join old and new friends alike at this fun-filled series of performances sponsored by the **Friends of Titus Sparrow Park**. From musicians to storytellers, everyone will enjoy these entertaining and educational programs. In case of inclement weather, performances will be held in the Union United Methodist Church basement (Columbus Street entrance). On August 10, enjoy the U.S.E.S. Arts in the Park Day, sponsored by the United